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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of George L. Harlow, who passed away on December 15, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, George Harlow was born on February 19, 1924 in Waukegan and lived in Waukegan for most of his life; his parents were Oscar and Mabel Harlow; and

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WHEREAS, George Harlow graduated from Waukegan Township High School after attending North and Washington Grade Schools in Waukegan; he later attended the University of Illinois Extension in Chicago while employed by the Wetzell and Turner Buick-Chevrolet Agency as a service and sales administrative assistant; and

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WHEREAS, George Harlow was a sales representative for the Johns Manville Friction Material Division of St. Louis, Missouri, covering the north and central United States; he joined the Bank of Waukegan in 1967 and worked in every department of the bank, finally concentrating his efforts in the commercial lending and trust departments as the Senior Vice President and trust officer; and

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WHEREAS, George Harlow was a former member of the Waukegan

1 Jaycees and the Waukegan Elks Lodge; he was a member of the
2 Waukegan City Club, Ducks Unlimited, American Legion Post 281,
3 Waukegan AMVETS, the Purple Heart Association, the Navy League
4 of the United States, the American Ex-Prisoners of War
5 Association, the Eighth Air Force Second Air Division
6 Association, the Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the 445th
7 Bomb Group, the Caterpillar Parachute Club, and the Waukegan
8 Yacht Club; he was a member of the Lake County Contractors
9 Association, serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for
10 eight years and then serving on the Board of Governors as an
11 Associate Representative; he was a member of the Glen Flora
12 Country Club for 63 years, serving on the Board of Governors
13 for seven years, holding the Office of President in 1970, and
14 serving on various committees for over 32 years; he was the
15 writer and editor of the club newsletter known as "The Caddy"
16 in the 1960s and 1970s and later the writer-editor of the
17 newsletter known as "The Communicator", which was distributed
18 for many years; and

19 WHEREAS, George Harlow served in the United States Army Air
20 Force during World War II; he served one tour of flight duty in
21 the Caribbean and then traveled by way of South America,
22 Africa, and French Morocco to a permanent Eighth Air Force base
23 in Norwich, England; his Liberator bomber was shot down in a
24 raid over Germany in the winter of 1943-1944; after parachuting
25 in the German mountains, he was taken prisoner by the German SS

1 and spent one and a half years in three different prison camps
2 in East Prussia, Poland, and Germany; he escaped to the English
3 front in April of 1945 and was flown to Oxford, England, where
4 he was hospitalized for seven weeks; his decorations include
5 the American and European Theatre Ribbons, the Army Good
6 Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, an Air Force Commendation,
7 the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Prisoner of War
8 Medal, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and a Presidential Unit
9 Citation; in late 1945, his bomb group, the Eighth Air Force
10 445th Bomb Group, was awarded the American Order of the French
11 Croix de Guerre by the country of France, only the third
12 American bomb group ever so honored; and

13 WHEREAS, George Harlow was preceded in death by his
14 parents; and

15 WHEREAS, George Harlow is survived by his wife, Sandy; his
16 children, Jody (Patrick) Rouse, Sue (Jeff) Martinson, Dan
17 McLaughlin, and David McLaughlin; and his grandchildren, Derek
18 McLaughlin, Joseph Rouse, Olivia Rouse, and George Martinson;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of George L. Harlow; and
23 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of George Harlow as an expression of
3 our sympathy.